

APPROVED MINUTES

OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 20, 2017

1. Meeting called to Order by W9FML at 0102 via Skype

2. Roll Call:

President – W9FML	Present
Vice President – K6HP	Present
Treasurer – K5ENA	Present
Secretary – W7XTZ	Present
Director – N4JTE	Present
Director – KJ5IM	Present
Advisory Chairman – KK9KK	Present
Awards Manager – KF5RD, Temp	Absent
All Band Coordinator – AI0A	Present

Guests in attendance: W04L, K7CTM, K9WVL, KA7MPX, ND8F, NJ8G, W4PW,
KF7TLL & WB8GCF

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the January 9th and January 21st, 2017 meetings. Minutes were approved as read.

4. Treasurer Report:

January 2017

Beginning balance January 1, 2017	\$6,598.67
Dues	\$ 304.00
Awards	\$ 12.82
SASE's	\$ 164.40
Unknown (Dues or SASE's)	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Total	\$7,086.89

The Signman, Mug, WD5CSK, Top Op Dec. 2016	(\$ 24.10)
Brad Alms, Reimburse postage, Chk# 1234	(\$ 45.75)
Amazon.com, Award Certificates/2 other items, VISA	(\$ 43.96)
Neil Dunham, Reimburse WNA DX Buro, SASE's Chk#1235	(\$ 95.86)
Peter Mann, Reimburse membership, K buro exp. Ck#1235	<u>(\$ 149.40)</u>
Ending Balance January 31, 2017	\$6,727.82

Respectfully Submitted by John Campbell, K5ENA, OM#4604, Treasurer

February 1, 2017

Treasurer's Report was Approved as Read

5. Reports of Special Committees:

5.1 NONE

6. Special Orders:

6.1 Appointment of Awards Manager:

W9FML thanked Pete, KF5RD for his tremendous work on catching up ALL the outstanding awards both electronic and paper.

W9FML asked the board to appoint K9WVL OM# 8881 as the new Awards Manager. He has begun his training with Pete. Pete will be working with Tim for approximately 6 months to teach him all the duties of the position.

Roll call vote was taken: motion passed unanimously

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 W9FML replaced the "Roberts Rules of Order" book for KA7MPX

7.2 Dayton Hamvention – No updates at this time. Booth fees still not established. Dates are May 19-21, 2017 Consensus was to wait & see for more information & costs.

7.3 OMISS QSO Party was February 11-12th, will hopefully have some updates soon.

7.4 Net Brochure – W9FML received the revised net brochure. She will submit to webmaster for posting on the website.

7.5 Club Call Manager – W9FML was able to reach Richard W4REB. He will remain in his role as the club call sign manager.

7.6 Scholarship Presentation – W9FML has been in contact with Lauren from the ARRL. We would be able to establish our guidelines. \$1,000 annually by Dec. 31, with a \$10 fee for the work they do for selection. Business agent says the language is in our bylaws and we may not need to add to it. Ways to continue funding was discussed. Suggestions were made to increase dues minimally. Also, how members would be able to contribute directly to the ARRL OMISS Scholarship if they wanted to support it. Name the scholarship? W0PXE OM# 1711 was suggested. Alice, WA4RRR OM# 131 was also suggested (living yet) was advised to name a SK. Split opinions as to naming the scholarship after a SK or naming it the OMISS Scholarship Fund. Discussion as to whether the applicant should be an OMISS member or a relative of a member. If OMISS decided to discontinue the scholarship any remaining money would be turned over to the ARRL.

7.7 By Law Committee update from W9FML. W9FML appointed W2FDB, W3SCA, WO4L and KA7MPX as the by law review committee. KA7MPX has been asked to chair this committee and communicate with W9FML as to the progress. A tentative timeline was established for first draft review by June of 2017.

8. New Business:

President W9FML

- 8.1 W9FML congratulated K9WVL OM# 8881 for being voted as the 2016 OM of the Year. Tim has been an exceptional member of OMISS and his contributions are countless. She is proud to be his friend and looks forward to working with him on the Board.
- 8.2 W9FML congratulated N8SPM for being voted as the NCS of the month.
- 8.3 W9FML congratulated WH6Son being voted Top Op for January. Well done and thank you both for all the hard work you do for OMISS.
- 8.4 W9FML discussed email communication between board meetings. We serve the needs of our membership every day. Everyone needs to be checking their emails frequently to be participating in their duties. If there are email issues, she suggested trying different email such as "Gmail". She verified the list with the webmaster and the omboard@omiss.net email reflector is working and has all current board members on it. Please use this reflector for all board communication. There are times when large files are sent., they then can be sent individually.
- 8.5 KF7BA has shipped some items to KF5RD, the original thumb drive is in Brad's storage, but we have a non-current spare. Hook line and sinker award has not been kept up. Patriot award has never been tracked since establishment almost 2 years ago. W9FML suggested that we amend the dates and start over. New Awards Manager can create a spreadsheet and track it. *KK9KK made the motion to begin tracking of this award beginning January 2017, N4JTE 2nd the motion. Roll call vote taken and passed unanimously. K9WVL will make the necessary changes.*
- 8.6 Awards cost update – KF5RD has suggested an increase to cover the cost of our awards. Currently \$0.98 postage, \$0.25 Certificate, \$0.15 for envelop, \$0.08 for ink for a Total of \$1.46. Our awards are \$1.25 with \$0.34 going to PayPal. Suggestion of raising to \$1.50 on April 1, 2017.

Discussion? Raise membership dues and/or award fees to cover current award costs. Hesitant to raise fees with scholarship decision pending by most board members.

Motion? K5ENA moved, N4JTE second that award fee be raised to \$1.50. Roll call vote taken, K6HP-NO, K5ENA-YES, W7XTZ-NO, N4JTE-NO, KJ5IM-NO, KK9KK-NO, K9WVL-YES, AI0A-NO. Motion failed.

Motion: K5ENA, N4JTE second that new member applications should say that contacts need to be made on OMISS nets & frequencies in order to be considered for membership. Roll call vote taken, motion carried unanimously. W9FML will notify KF5RD and work to see changes made.

8.6 WB8RWM sent an email update that he sent 9 cards, including a card to the

family of K3ATY. He sent 3 emails of encouragement and one of prayer. He has purchased stamps and will submit for reimbursement.

9. Board Member Information and Discussion:

9.1 Vice President K6HP

Had a question as to whether charges made by the former awards manager KF7BA has been recouped. It was learned that only about \$10 was charged and the consensus was to not try and collect it. The credit card assigned to KF7BA has been cancelled.

9.2 Treasurer K5ENA

Just celebrated his Birthday! Happy Birthday John!

9.3 Secretary W7XTZ

Apologized for computer issues, W9FML has assisted until he can get his problems fixed. Everything is working well enough for him to resume duties.

9.4 Director N4JTE

Thanks to Carrie for her hard work.

9.5 Director KJ5IM

Has been out of town and has nothing to add.

9.6 Chairman of the Advisory Panel KK9KK

Received an idea from W2FDB that when an email is sent out to the membership that no replies be possible so as to not clog the reflector. KK9KK says the webmaster is not in favor of this as it would require setting up a new "no reply" reflector.

MOTION: KK9KK, N4JTE second that we explore if possible to set up a "no reply" reflector. Roll call vote taken, K6HP-ABSTAINED, K5ENA-YES, W7XTZ-YES, N4JTE-YES, KJ5IM-YES, KK9KK-YES, K9WVL-YES, AIOA-YES motion carried.

9.7 Awards Manager K9WVL

*Burt's Awards in Marshfield WI will be working with Tim on plaques for awards
TNX the board for the appointment and says he will do the best he can.*

9.8 All Band Coordinator AI0A

Motion to appoint KE0CRP as the new 40m band coordinator with a 60-day trial to begin at the February meeting. Jake assumed the temporary role by an email Roll Call vote in January 2017. W9FML – YES, K6HP – (no reply), K5ENA – YES, W7XTZ – YES, N4JTE – YES, KJ5IM – YES, KK9KK – Yes, motion passed.

AI0A be having a SKYPE meeting with his BC's in the near future.

160m BC resignation *W2FDB has resigned as the 160m band coordinator.*

MOTION: AI0A moved, N4JTE second that WO4L be appointed as the 160m band coordinator on a 60- day trial basis. Roll call vote taken, motion carried unanimously. Both band coordinators will be reviewed at the April board meeting.

“pink line nets” update/discussion AI0A (All Bands Coordinator) says that all check ins must be on the air by voice, no check ins via AIM or “on the fly” but at regular intervals. Relays may be taking from anyone checked into the net whether or not they are “designated”. If NCS has to be notified on “AIM” that a station is working or is finished and “back to net” (for many/most participants) the NCS station should close the net. AI0A will hold a Skype meeting with all individual band coordinators to discuss this.

10. Member/Attendee Comments:

The Board will hear discussion of unannounced matters pertaining to OMISS club business. Board members may discuss, but can take no action formally on items not placed on the published agenda. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person. Are there any OMISS members/attendees who wish to address the Board?

11. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 13th, 2017 at 0130 Zulu:

Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. SKYPE will be hosted by President W9FML.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by KK9KK

Second by N4JTE

Any Objections? NONE

If None, Meeting Adjourned at 0330Zulu